

Duluth Campus

Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate

Education

College of Education and Human Service Professions

- Program Type: Undergraduate credit certificate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 12

This certificate program is designed for any degree-seeking students or community members interested in teaching English overseas with a particular focus on the theory and methodology of teaching English as a foreign language. An undergraduate degree and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate are often considered minimum requirements to obtain paid English teaching positions abroad. The program covers a comprehensive range of teaching skills to make effective English language teachers by offering opportunities to learn through interactive skill-building activities. Students have the chance to observe experienced TEFL teachers in the classroom, and the program also includes a practicum/hands-on element with practical in-class exposure that schools abroad are looking for in a teacher. The minimum standard for internationally recognized certification is 100 hours of instruction and 6 20 hours of supervised practice, and this certificate meets that standard. Students learn the communicative approach based on the latest research in language learning, create their own teaching materials, and learn to teach speaking, listening, reading and writing. They also develop an effective classroom management style, review English grammar, and delve into cross-cultural issues.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- primarily online (at least 80% of the instruction for the program is online with short, intensive periods of face-to-face coursework)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 30 credits before admission to the program.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

Requirements (12 cr)

- [EDUC 3100](#) - Bilingualism & Biliteracy Development: Foundations of Second Language Acquisition (3.0 cr)
- [EDUC 3211](#) - Methods in Teaching Multilingual Students (3.0 cr)
- [EDUC 3330](#) - Assessment of Language Development (3.0 cr)
- [EDUC 4050](#) - Language Policy and Education (2.0 cr)
- [EDUC 4099](#) - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages/Teaching English Foreign Language Field Experience (1.0 cr)